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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION LAGOS INFO SECSTATE, IBADAN,
MONROVIA FROM FREETOWN MARCH 26:

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DEPARTMENT PASS CDC ATLANTA GA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SWEL, NI

SUBJECT: OUTBREAK SUSPECTED LASSA FEVER

REF LAGOS 2229

1. ACTING CMO ADVISES EMBASSY THAT MOH HAS RUN INTO
DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING PLASMA AS DONORS UNWILLING TO
GIVE BLOOD EVEN WHEN ENTICED WITH CASH PAYMENT. MOH
PLANS ON SENDING HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICER TO PANGUMA
AREA TO TRY TO BREAKDOWN DONOR RESISTANCE. PROBLEM
HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED BY DOCTOR WHO IS M.P. FOR AREA
WHO HAS BEEN DOWNPLAYING VIRULENCE OF LASSA FEVER
BY TELLING CONSTITUENTS IT OVERBLOWN SCARE CIRCULATED
BY EVIL TYPES WHO WANT TO CLOSE OFF AREA.

2. IN REAL EMERGENCY MOH PROBABLY COULD OBTAIN
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LIMITED AMOUNT PLASMA FROM EXPATRIATES AND PANGUMA

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES WITH ANTIBODIES.

3. IF MOH IS TO UNDERTAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO ESTABLISH
PLASMA BANK, IT WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE FROM CDC IN
FORM OF PLASTIC BAGS AND CENTRIFUGE AS NONE ARE
AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR
CDC TO PROVIDE THESE ITEMS? OLSON UNQUOTE
RUSH

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